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Winchester Scout Troop #507 builds picnic table at Elliot Park

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Members of Winchester Scout Troop #507 spent the morning at Elliot Park on Saturday building picnic tables for the park. COURTESY PHOTO/RANDIE BLACK-SCHAFFER

The following was submitted by Randie Black-Schaffer:

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Winchester Scout Troop #507 spent the morning at Elliot Park on Saturday building picnic tables for the park. After a microburst in May destroyed one picnic table at Wedge Pond, Randie Black-Schaffer asked Scout leaders about building more tables.

The former picnic table was destroyed in May following a microburst, left. Scouts were hard at work on Oct. 25 building a new table at Elliot Park. COURTESY PHOTOS/RANDIE BLACK-SCHAFFER

The Select Board approved a request by a Scout to build the table, which was done on Oct. 25.

Matthew Sun, of Troop #507, organized and lead the construction as his Eagle Scout Project.

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Matthew Sun, of Troop #507, organized and lead the construction of the picnic table as his Eagle Scout Project. COURTESY PHOTOS/DEBORAH MILLER

"I don't know who paid for the materials, but the tables look great!" Black-Schaffer said in an email. "I was walking through the park picking up trash with John Stevens, on my way to the Borrgaard Beach cleanup event Saturday morning, saw the kids sawing and nailing and took a few pictures."

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While Scouts built a new picnic table at Elliot Park, resident John Stevens was picking up trash. COURTESY PHOTOS/RANDIE BLACK-SCHAFFER

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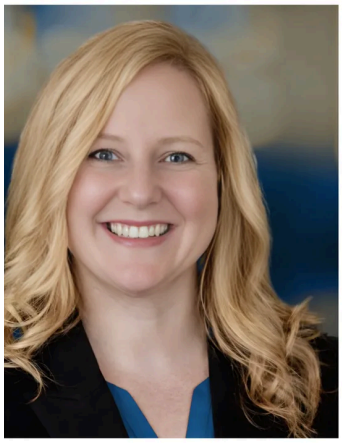

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By Talia Ho | Correspondent Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester High School presents "Chicago: Teen Edition," a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. Set in the 1920s, this iconic production is sure to leave the audience wanting more. Performances will

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